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The **Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**, also known as the state military establishment, has 3 primary missions: to execute the duties laid down by various statutes and the governor, administration of state-supported veterans' programming, and military preparedness to assist both state and federal authorities. The Michigan Army and Air National Guard constitute the armed forces of the state and serve under the orders of the governor a commander-in-chief. The governor appoints an adjutant general, without the advice and consent of the senate, to serve as commanding general of the Michigan National Guard and as director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The **Michigan Army and Air National Guard** have a mission to both the federal government and the State of Michigan.

The primary military mission of the department is to recruit, train, and maintain the Michigan Army and Air National Guard as reserve components of the United States Army and Air Force for federal mobilization. Over 1,700 Michigan Army and Air National Guard members from 19 units were mobilized in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm during 1990-1991. Guard members have also been mobilized for Operation Uphold Democracy (Haiti, 1995), Operation Joint Endeavor (Bosnia, 1996), and Operation Allied Force (Kosovo, 1999).

The state **military mission** of the department is to train and maintain national guard forces for the protection of life and property of Michigan citizens in natural disasters and the preservation of peace, order, and public safety. The Michigan Army National Guard assisted the state during the widespread thunderstorms in July 1997 and a severe storm in May 1998.

The department began transitioning into veterans programming in 1983 when it accepted responsibility for administering grants and appropriations for veterans' service organizations. Eight years later Executive Reorganization Order No. 1991-7 directed the transfer of Michigan's 2 state-supported veterans' facilities (homes) in Grand Rapids and Marquette from the Department of Public Health to the Department of Military Affairs, effective September 1, 1991, adding health care services to the department's traditional state property and infrastructure management activities. Effective September 6, 1995, Executive Order No. 1995-15 directed the transfer of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund from the Department of Management and Budget to the Department of Military Affairs. Recognizing the department's expanded responsibility for administering all state-supported veterans' programming, the governor, via Executive Order No. 1997-7, renamed the department the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs on April 17, 1997.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs provides **support services** for approximately 11,000 military personnel constituting the Michigan National Guard. Approximately 3,000 full-time

employees (state and federal) are assigned to various divisions, sections, and units located in Lansing; at 51 armories across the state; 3 air bases (Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, and Battle Creek Air National Guard Base); 24 maintenance shops; the 146,000-acre military reservation at Camp Grayling; and the 7,500-acre Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek. Camp Grayling is one of the finest military training sites east of the Mississippi and is a major economic asset to Michigan. Approximately 30,000 troops train at **Camp Grayling** annually.

Support services include the construction and maintenance of armories; receipt, storage, and distribution of all supplies, materials, and equipment used by national guard units; repair and maintenance of military vehicles and equipment; processing of military and civilian payrolls; preparation of state and federal budgets; maintenance of detailed records of all military personnel; arranging for and executing training programs; operation of a regional training institute; management of all real and personal properties of the department; and operation and maintenance of Camp Grayling, Fort Custer Training Center, and the 3 Air National Guard bases.

The department, through the Veterans Affairs Directorate, provides executive oversight and coordination for state veterans programming. Operations encompass the Grand Rapids and D. J. Jacobetti (Marquette) Veterans Homes, the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and administration of annual legislative grants to veterans service organizations to help their service officers assist veterans in processing claims with the federal government. In the aggregate, veterans service programming accounts for over 63% of the department's annual state budget (FY 2000) of nearly \$95 million.

The department provides administrative support to the State Military Board, the Military Appeals Tribunal, the Veterans' Homes of Michigan Board of Managers, the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund Board of Trustees, and the Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monument Fund Commission.

STATE MILITARY BOARD

Serve at the Pleasure of the Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL HAROLD W. RUDOLPH (RET), Novi COLONEL JAMES SPACKMAN (RET), Laingsburg COLONEL HAROLD J. TUCKER (RET), Jackson Brigadier General Stanley J. Wilk (Ret), Lathrup Village BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT T. WILLIAMS (RET), Grand Rapids

The State Military Board was originally created by Act 16 of 1862 and consists of 5 members appointed by the governor. The board holds title to certain military lands at Camp Grayling (the Hanson Grant); has the authority to accept or exchange lands for military purposes; has the authority to grant easements; and has other advisory functions in connection with military construction.

MILITARY APPEALS TRIBUNAL

	Term expires
Mark Lyon, Rochester	. Apr. 16, 1999
COL. MICHAEL V. MARSTON, Grosse Pointe Park	. Apr. 16, 2000
COL. RALPH O. WILBUR, Hastings	. Apr. 16, 2000
MICHAEL ZEHNDER, Troy	. Apr. 16, 2002
VACANCY	

The Military Appeals Tribunal was created by Act 523 of 1980. The 5 members of the tribunal are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve 4-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed. A person is eligible for appointment to the Military Appeals Tribunal if the person is a commissioned officer in the Michigan National Guard or a civilian and licensed to practice law in Michigan.

The tribunal has appellate jurisdiction, upon petition of the accused National Guard service member, to hear and review his or her record in all decisions of a court martial, under the Michigan Code of Military Justice. The tribunal sits as a panel of 3 members with the concurrence of 2 members necessary for a decision.

VETERANS' HOMES OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF MANAGERS

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)	Term expires		
Dale J. Brubaker, Livonia	. Feb. 28, 2005		
RICHARD "CHIC" LAFAVE, Gwinn	. Feb. 28, 2002		
The American Legion			
WILLARD F. COFFEY, L'Anse	. Feb. 28, 2001		
F. Gerrit Veldman, Lansing	. Feb. 28, 2001		
Disabled American Veterans (DAV)			
Leo J. LeRoux, Essexville	. Feb. 28, 2003		
American Veterans of World War II-Korea-Vietnam (AMVETS)			
JASPER T. McCain, Detroit	. Feb. 28, 2003		
Veterans At-Large			
RUTH A. NEWMAN, Northville	. Feb. 28, 2005		

The **Veterans' Homes of Michigan Board of Managers** was created by Act 152 of 1885. Executive Order No. 1991-7 transferred the board from the Department of Public Health to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, effective September 1, 1991. The veterans' homes provide both domiciliary and long-term nursing care for Michigan residents who were on active duty in the armed forces of the United States during a period of war. The Board of Managers exercises certain regulatory and governance authority regarding admission and member affairs, in addition to representing the interests of the veterans' community in both advisory and advocacy roles. Michigan's 2 facilities are the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and the D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

The 7 board members are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve 6-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

MICHIGAN VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

-	The American Legion	Term expires
James L. Lane, St. Helen		Feb. 25, 2000
Arnold W. Zeile, Lansing		Feb. 25, 2001
Veterans of Foreign Wars		
RICHARD LEHNER, Sumner.		Feb. 25, 2000
James Pintar, Painesdale .		Feb. 25, 2001
Disabled American Veterans		
THOMAS TOMLINSON, St. Cla	air Shores	Feb. 25, 2002
American Veter	ans of World War II-Korea	a-Vietnam
EDWARD J. FLORENCE, JR., Se	outhfield	Feb. 25, 2002
Vieta	nam Veterans of America	
Keith King, Detroit		Feb. 25, 2002

The **Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund Board of Trustees** was created by Act 9 of the First Extra Session of 1946 to provide temporary financial assistance from the earnings of the fund to veterans and their dependents for emergency and educational purposes. Executive Order No. 1995-15 transferred the fund from the Department of Management and Budget to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The program, through county committees, dispenses grants to veterans, dependents, or survivors to relieve financial crises or hardship and secures shelter, food, medical treatment,

clothing, and other needs when an applicant is placed in jeopardy by circumstances generally beyond his or her control. Other functions include dispensing tuition grants to children of 100% disabled or killed in service veterans (Act 245 of 1935, 35.111 MCL as amended) and maintaining military records of the state's veterans.

The 7 members of the board are appointed by the governor to serve 3-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

MICHIGAN VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUND COMMISSION

Appointed by the Governor

JOHN G. KULHAVI. White Lake LARRY B. MAIN. Dearborn Heights CHARLES MERZ. Detroit R. MICHAEL SAND. Fraser

Appointed by the Senate Majority Leader

KEITH KING. Detroit BARRY F. WALTER, NOVI

Appointed by the Speaker of the House

BARRY D. BOMIER, Clarkston MARTY EDDY, Wayne

The Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monument Fund Commission was created by Act 234 of 1988 to oversee the financing and construction of a memorial monument dedicated to Vietnam veterans from Michigan who died or are listed as missing in action.

Five of the 9 commission members are appointed by the governor and serve at the pleasure of the governor. Two members each are appointed by the senate majority leader and the speaker of the house. Commission members will serve until the construction of the monument is completed.

The map on the following page depicts the location of Michigan armories, training sites, and air bases.

The chart that follows the map indicates the National Guard units, their locations, and the total number of personnel authorized in the Air and Army National Guard.

ARMORIES, TRAINING SITES, AND AIR BASES

